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Great sports day!

Even though I'm not athletic, I really enjoyed the June 20 Sports Day organized by the chapel. My impression is that everybody

there had a great time while getting some exercise and fresh air. The free meal was very good and everything seemed to run smoothly for participants. The event day seemed to favor connecting with each other as team members who work together without being all about sports and competing. Thanks for a great day!

Thanks for the terrific words on the TEAM KIRTLAND sports day. Our Chapel staff did an outstanding job of Kirtland AFB's first sports day and deserve the thanks and compliments.

Gate guards will be more responsive

I really enjoy having the Army guys at the gate who have been really courteous and polite. But today I had an incident where the car behind me was driving erratically, has an expired Virginia tag and no rear view mirror. I asked the gate guard to check it out. He said he would and I crossed through the gate.

I looked at my rear view mirror and the car behind me was still on my bumper. He didn't even slow the guy down. I wondered if an expired plate and the unsafe condition in the vehicle would cause Security Forces to be a little bit more proactive.

Thank you for your comments about our Army soldiers at our gates. We have received many favorable comments.

Regarding your inquiry: unfortunately you didn't provide us a time or date of your entry or the gate you entered through.

We have contacted the individual whose license plate you provided and the vehicle registration is current as of May.

The New Mexico Criminal and Traffic Law Manual; Section 66-3-845 requires: "every motor vehicle be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle." Although the vehicle had no "interior" rear view mirror, it did have two "exterior" rear view mirrors.

We have asked our gate guards to be more responsive to people who are trying to assist us in ensuring a safe and more secure base community.

Contacting Forum

We want your suggestions and comments concerning Kirtland AFB. Give base agencies or the chain of command the chance to resolve your concern before calling Forum. Callers' names won't be printed. Write: 377 ABW/CC Forum 2000 Wyoming SE Kirtland AFB NM 87117

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Customs, courtesies show mutual respect

BY 2ND LT. DAVID GRIGSBY
56th Civil Engineer Squadron

We observe customs and courtesies to show respect among military personnel to honor those who have dedicated themselves to a military career. They also help us maintain good order and discipline and are the backbone of the most lethal military in the world. Our most common custom is the salute. In medieval times, knights would raise their visors with their right hand when greeting a comrade. Today, we still salute our officers and our flag as a mark of respect for rank and country. While outside, salutes are exchanged upon recognition between officers, warrant officers and enlisted members of the Armed Forces with the junior member always saluting first. Salutes are rendered upon greeting and at the end of conversation. To prescribe an exact distance for all circumstances is not practical, but good judgment indicates when salutes should be exchanged. When walking or standing outdoors, always salute appropriately marked military vehicles. Good manners are of the utmost importance because military members represent both the Air Force and the U.S. government. Extending a verbal courtesy, such as "Good morning, Sir," or "Good afternoon, Ma'am," to a senior ranking member acknowledges both the authority and respect that individual has earned.

Standing when a senior officer enters a room also extends the same respect. When walking with a superior you always walk to their left because the position of honor is on the right. The uniform identifies those who wear it as fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. Uniform appearance directly reflects on the individual and should be properly and proudly worn. Air Force Instruction 36-2903, "Dress and Appearance," provides Airmen the guidelines for proper uniform wear. Some commonly asked questions: ★ Tattoos/brands anywhere on the body that are obscene, advocate sexual, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination, are prejudicial to good order and discipline, or of a nature that tends to bring discredit upon the Air Force are prohibited in and out of uniform. Excessive tattoos or brands will not be exposed or visible (includes visible through the uniform) while in uniform. ★ Body Piercing—members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, or any exposed body part (includes visible through the uniform). **Exception:** Women are authorized to wear one small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl or silver pierced, or clip earring on earlobes and the earring worn in each earlobe must match. In civilian attire, on official duty or off duty on a military instillation, members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry

or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, or any exposed body part (includes visible through clothing). **Exception:** Piercing of earlobes by women is allowed, but should not be extreme or excessive. ★ Socks, white or black, may be worn with boots. During exercises and contingencies, wear black socks or black socks over the white socks to prevent the white socks from showing. ★ Nail polish will be conservative, single color, and in good taste and will not contain any ornamentation. ★ Pagers and cell phones are prohibited unless required to perform official duties. They must be clipped to the waistband or purse or carried in the left hand. Walking while talking on a cell phone is prohibited. ★ Sunglasses must be free of ornamentation on frames and lenses (faddish styles and mirrored lenses prohibited) and cannot be worn around the neck. ★ The uniform must not be worn in establishments that operate primarily to serve alcohol. Customs, courtesies and traditions are the basis for military beliefs, manners and codes of behavior. They define who military members are and separate them from other professions. We should truly value the mutual respect we show for one another through our customs and courtesies. I urge each and every reader to learn about the Air Force's customs and courtesies and use them each day.

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Brig. Gen. Robert L. Smolen, Air Force Nuclear and Counterproliferation director, appoints Lt. Col. Donald W. Robbins as the first commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons and Counterproliferation Agency in a ceremony held at the agency July 2.

Photo by Damien Bohannon

1st commander appointed for Air Force agency

BY 2ND LT. BRANDON DOW

Air Force Nuclear Weapons and Counterproliferation Agency

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Smolen, Air Force Nuclear and Counterproliferation director, appointed Lt. Col. Donald W. Robbins as the first commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons and Counterproliferation Agency July 2.

Previously directed by Dr. Billy Mullins, the Kirtland AFB organization is undergoing a transformation into one of “operational science,” linking chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high explosives science and technology to operations.

The mission of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons and Counterproliferation Agency is threefold:

- ★ Assure the surety and military effectiveness of the Air Force portion of the nuclear weapons stockpile.
- ★ Provide the warfighter advanced weapons and technical assessments to counter the full spectrum of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high explosives conflicts and threats.

- ★ Provide scientific and technical support for arms control treaties.
- Robbins joined the agency in June 1998 and was originally assigned as Stockpile Life Extension chief. In this position, he coordinated activities of seven nuclear weapon project officer groups and an analytical team exploring counterforce options for the counterproliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- In June 2000, he was selected as the agency deputy director. Since Sept. 11, 2001, he has supported all chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high explosives operations planning for the joint staff and the warfighting commanders.
- Robbins holds a master’s degree in nuclear engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology.
- Leading a team of scientists, engineers and program managers, the commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons and Counterproliferation Agency is responsible for:
 - ★ Overseeing the Air Force nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship activities;
 - ★ Serving as the Air Force’s program and tech-

- nical interface to the National Nuclear Security Administration;
- ★ Leading all Joint DOD and Department of Energy project officer group Air Force nuclear weapons activities;
- ★ Coordinating mission requirements and analyses and assessments in the areas of counterforce weaponry, passive and active defense, passive and remote detection, target characterization intelligence and technical issues associated with treaty compliance;
- ★ Providing technical assessments to support warfighting operations and advanced weapons concepts;
- ★ Supporting requirements for countering chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high explosives weapons of mass destruction; and
- ★ Supporting Air Force Nuclear and Counterproliferation by providing career field management services to Air Force chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high explosives scientific and engineering personnel.

5 Airmen punished for violations

BY STAFF SGT. DAVID L. MOORE III

377th Air Base Wing Military Justice

- ★ An airman from the 377th Security Forces Squadron was charged with consuming alcoholic beverages while under the age of 21, drunk and disorderly conduct and assault and battery. He received a reduction to the grade of airman basic, restriction to Kirtland AFB for 30 days and 14 days extra duty.
- ★ An airman first class from the 377th Security Forces Squadron was charged with making a false official statement. He received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay a month for two months and 14 days extra duty.

- ★ An airman from the 377th Security Forces Squadron was charged with disrespecting a superior commissioned officer. He received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$100 pay and 14 days extra duty.
- ★ An airman first class from the 58th Maintenance Squadron was charged with failure to go to his place of duty at the appointed time. He received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman and 15 days extra duty.
- ★ An airman first class from the 58th Maintenance Squadron was charged with dereliction of duty. He received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman and 30 days extra duty.

4 critical accidents haunt 101 critical days

BY WAYNE RAGAN

377th Air Base Wing Safety Office
TEAM KIRTLAND dodged another traffic fatality last week.

- From the beginning of 101 Critical Days of Summer there have been four serious vehicle accidents that easily could have been fatalities.
- ★ An Airman home on leave was a passenger in a vehicle that hit a stone wall. The impact caused severe injuries to his face and head. He is still at home on convalescent leave.
- ★ A civilian was involved in a traffic mishap just a few blocks from base. The individual’s vehicle was destroyed as it rolled over. He received extensive cuts and bruises and injured his neck.
- ★ The next mishap was a stay-in-school student helping move a family member back to New Mexico over the Independence Day weekend. The vehicle with three family members rolled several times, severely injuring one

- sister. The other siblings escaped with only minor injuries.
- ★ And, finally, in the early hours of July 14 a member did not make a curve on his motorcycle, losing control and striking a pole. The individual is still in the hospital with extensive chest wounds.
- Overall, the Air Force is not having a very good year. Thus far there have been 52 fatalities for the year. The 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign is not faring much better. In week six there have been 14 fatalities, eight of those motorcycle mishaps.
- A couple of thoughts on getting through the rest of the Summer.
- ★ ALWAYS wear your seatbelt.
- ★ NEVER drink and drive.
- ★ If you are tired, STOP. Get rest.
- ★ DO a quick operational risk management check and ask “what if?” If you get answers like “hurt” or “injured,” reconsider your actions. We need you.